IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: Y. TAKAHASHI et al

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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND ITS MANUFACTURING

METHOD AND MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM USING SUCH

A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Cancel the Abstract, and substitute therefor the Abstract of the Disclosure provided on the attached separate page.